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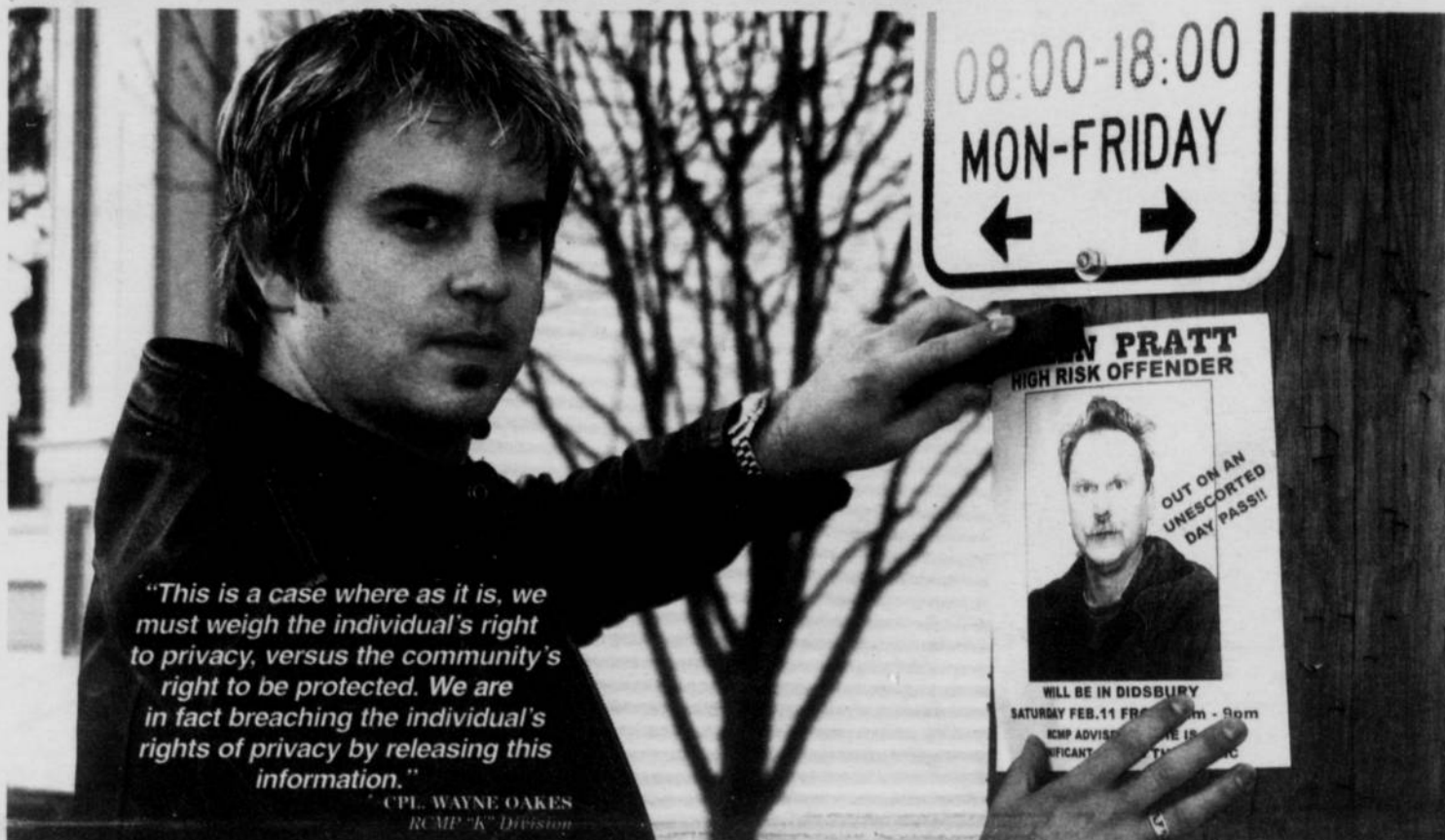
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TAKING ACTION – Shane Kohn, of Didsbury helped spread the word that a high-risk offender would be in the Didsbury area on a 12 hour unsupervised visit Saturday, after RCMP announced

the offender was a "significant risk of harm to the community". Kohn printed posters and handed them out to residents, concerned for the community's safety. *Tamara Collins/Didsbury Review*

High-risk release riles Didsbury

BY TAMARA COLLINS AND JON KOCH
MVG Staff

Many residents of Didsbury breathed a sigh of relief Friday when an unescorted temporary absence permit for convicted murderer Allan Pratt was rescinded.

RCMP alerted the public on Feb. 9 that Pratt was being released from the Bowden Institute on a 12-hour unescorted temporary absence permit to visit family in Didsbury.

This set off a firestorm within the community.

Some residents quickly took action, printing off posters warning others that Pratt would be coming to town.

The RCMP, Wild Rose MP Myron Thompson and MLA Richard Marz also fielded numerous calls from concerned citizens.

"I heard about it on the radio at 6 a.m. and I was frustrated, and felt totally helpless," said Janice Plewis, one of the residents who handed out posters around town.

"It seems like the parole board can do whatever they want and release people into our community, and we have no control."

Shane Kohn assisted Plewis with making and handing out the posters.

"A lot of us have family and friends in town and we want to make sure those people are safe," said Plewis. "That our whole community is safe."

However, less than 24 hours after the announcement, Didsbury RCMP were advised that Pratt's permit had been cancelled.

No official reason was provided by the Correctional Service of Canada.

RCMP spokesperson Cpl. Wayne Oakes said RCMP took the extraordinary measure of informing the public in "recognition of the overwhelming need for public protection."

"This is a case where as it is, we must weigh the individual's right to privacy, versus the community's right to be protected," said Oakes. "We are in fact breaching the individual's rights of privacy by releasing this information."

While Oakes was unable to provide specific details, he said a "fair number" of these types of permits are issued to people who are nearing the end of their custodial sentences.

"Typically, when these releases go out, it's usually when a person has completed their sentence. We have in fact been more than proactive in putting this out two days before the release."

Oakes encourages individuals who are concerned to discuss the issue with their Members of Parliament.

As for Myron Thompson, he believes stricter standards should be in place for high-risk offenders.

"I can understand where there may be a time where somebody has to go out to a funeral in the family or something of that nature. But when it's a high-risk offender,

never should it be unescorted," said Thompson.

Thompson thinks the Parole Board needs to use some more "common sense" when dealing with high-risk individuals.

"When (Pratt) was out on a pass before, he murdered someone, brutally and viciously, so I say the public has a right to outcry when an individual like that is released into the community on their own," said Thompson.

Pratt, 51, is currently serving a life sentence for second degree murder committed while on an unescorted temporary absence permit on Apr. 9, 1979.

Pratt has an extensive criminal record including convictions for robbery, weapons and property related offenses.

Between June and December 2005, Pratt participated in the community escorted temporary absence program, where he has been on escorted temporary absences every weekday for more than 25 weeks.

All passes had been completed without incident, according to officials.

The fact the parole board has granted Pratt an unescorted temporary permit for family contact for up to 12 hours at a frequency of once per month, for six months, concerns Plewis.

"It is not right the whole community has to stay inside and lock their doors because this guy is coming to town," said Plewis. "I guess in a month we are going to have to go through all this again."



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Didsbury Medical Clinic opens for appointments Feb. 22

New doctor founds "innovative new clinic" in Didsbury

BY TAMARA COLLINS
Didsbury Review

Didsbury Medical Clinic (DMC) is an innovative new clinic whose founder, Dr. Ashif Jaffer, envisions providing quality and personalized health care to serve the needs of the community.

The clinic, which is now accepting appointments for Feb. 22, will encourage patients to take a personal interest and responsibility in their own health needs and goals, according to Dr. Jaffer.

He says he sees the clinic as one component of the full service family practice he intends to provide in Didsbury.

"Services at the clinic will go hand in hand with the services which can be provided at the hospital," said Dr. Jaffer. These include emergency medicine, acute inpatient care and long-term care.

The town of Didsbury is very excited to have both a new doctor and a new clinic in town, said mayor Dorothy Moore at DMC's grand opening Feb. 7.

For months there has been only two doctors for the entire Didsbury population.

"On behalf of the town of Didsbury I would like to welcome you and your innovative new clinic to town," said Moore. "Didsbury is a special and hospitable community and we are glad that you recognized the



Ash Jaffer, Didsbury's newest physician, treats Kelsey Burnlock's injured hand at the Didsbury hospital recently. Jaffer will be opening the new Didsbury Medical Clinic Feb. 22.

photo by Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

strengths and opportunities of the district and have chosen to serve in rural Alberta."

Jaffer grew up in a small town in Alberta and trained in Newfoundland.

Jaffer says he knows first-hand about the challenges and benefits of rural medicine.

He spent the last five years

doing locums providing temporary relief work for communities in Newfoundland, B.C., Alberta and Australia.

"There is a huge need for doctors all over the world but Didsbury attracted me because of the strong sense of community, the availability of a local hospital and the excellent support

provided by the staff at the Didsbury Hospital," said Dr. Jaffer.

The community is close enough to Calgary to conveniently access specialists and emergency care when it is beyond the capabilities of the local hospital, he said.

There is room for an additional

physician to join Jaffer at DMC.

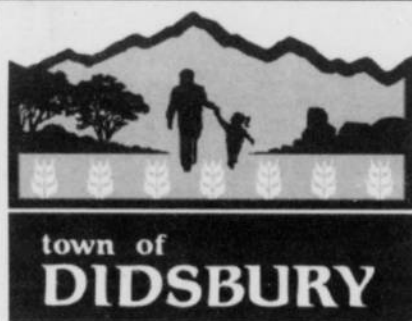
The clinic is located in the newly renovated Suite 204 in Victoria Square Mall immediately. It can accommodate expansion if more physicians can be recruited, said Jaffer.

"There is a huge need for doctors in this area outside Calgary. This is demonstrated by the increased numbers of Emergency Department visits in Didsbury, which has more than doubled in January 2006," said Jaffer.

"These patients come to us from the surrounding communities including Airdrie. They come to Didsbury because they do not want to wait for many hours in Calgary. We can provide most services right here in Didsbury and the need will only increase."

Dr. Jaffer feels it has to be a cooperative effort to make Didsbury an attractive place for physicians to come and work. He thinks Didsbury is a community with a lot of potential.

"Without the support and encouragement of the staff at the Calgary Health Region's Department of Rural Medicine, the staff at the town of Didsbury, the Victoria Square Mall, and especially the staff at the Didsbury Hospital, Didsbury Medical Clinic would not exist today. It's a good step forward to bringing quality health care back to the community of Didsbury."



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PUBLIC MEETINGS & NOTICES:

TOWN COUNCIL:

Tuesday, February 21- March 7 & 21, 2006 - Council Chambers, 7:00 pm

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, February 22 & March 15, 2006 - Council Chambers, 4:30 pm

LIFELINE SOCIETY:

Monday, March 13, 2006 - Council Chambers, 10:00 a.m.

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

The following Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

- DP 16-06 1428 - 20 Avenue - Change of Use RC
- DP 17-06 1428 - 20 Avenue - Deck/Sign RC

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office. Person(s) wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing with the appropriate fees to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 pm on **Feb. 28, 2006**.

Robert Wigg, Development Officer

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The Didsbury Town Office will be closed the second Friday of each month between the hours of 12 noon and 1:00 p.m.
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MP Thompson "totally against" appointment of cabinet minister

BY DAN SINGLETON
MVP staff

Newly re-elected Wild Rose MP Myron Thompson says he is very unhappy with Prime Minister Stephen Harper's decision to appoint David Emerson as Minister of International Trade.

Emerson was elected as a Liberal on Jan. 23. Following the election he defected to the Conservatives and was placed in cabinet.

"I certainly am opposed to that whole idea and I've said so publicly," said Thompson, a Sundre resident. "I told the leader I was not happy with that decision but I'm not going to dwell on it because it is his decision and I can't do anything about it. I don't like it at all.

Asked about the apparent hypocrisy of the Conservatives slamming Belinda Stronach, who crossed to the Liberals to join the Paul Martin cabinet in 2004, while allowing Emerson to do the same thing in reverse, Thompson said: "I was asked that in a forum (during the election) about Stronach and I said, 'that was a shame and it should never have happened and thank God we are in power and we'll never see it happen again' and then it happened day one and it doesn't make me happy.

"Do I like what's happened? Absolutely not. Am I in favour of these crossings of the House? I'm totally against it. It was the leader's decision and I can't help what he has done."

Thompson, who was elected to a fifth straight term in Wild Rose on Jan. 23, has returned to Ottawa and says he has been keeping very busy.

"I'm on a rampage with every minister in every department that I can to get moving on certain issues. It's been long overdue," he said.

Thompson says he is pleased the Harper government will be moving ahead quickly with plans to raise the age of consent.

The age of consent is the age at which Canadians can legally engage in sexual activities. The age currently stands at 14 years, but the government plans to raise the age to 16, said Justice Minister Vic Toews.

Thompson, who has called for the change for years, saying it will deter

pedophiles from targeting young people, applauded the government's plans.

"I've really been pushing for that and I'm really pleased that he is taking that on as a top priority," said Thompson.

Under the changes it would be a crime for adults to have sex with persons under the age of 16.

The government will also be making the elimination of the national firearms registry a priority, said Toews.

"The long-gun registry, of course, has been a colossal waste of money, with no demonstrable effect on gun crime. We want to bring in laws that target criminals, rather than targeting duck hunters and farmers, as the gun registry does."

Thompson has called for the registry to be scrapped as soon as possible.

"He's going to go after it," said Thompson. "I don't know if that kind of thing, to dismantle the registry requires Parliamentary approval or just what we do with that. That will all be learned in time."

Justice Minister Toews did not announce plans to address another issue that has been high on Myron Thompson's agenda for the past decade: removing legal loopholes used by people who produce child pornography.

"That is something we are going to do, but that has to be carefully constructed because of the (Supreme) Court's decision on Sharpe where they uphold the rights of the pedophile to own and possess. Whatever we put forward has to make the Charter test and that's going to take some doing," said Thompson.

"I'm primarily interested in making certain that those who are guilty involving development or distribution of child pornography do some hard time instead of this slap on the wrist thing."

Thompson says he is pleased that the government is moving forward with plans for providing \$750 million in support to Canadian grain growers.

"I've pressured the agricultural minister to get moving on getting these cheques out to farmers and I understand that is happening right as we speak. It's time to keep that commitment, to get these cheques out before the spring while we have a chance before seeding."



MYRON
THOMPSON
MP
Wildrose

Town of Didsbury

Council Highlights February 7

Manager of Public Works, Dale Kiesman spoke to Council updating them on the work being done in his department. The top five projects being initiated at this time are:

1. 2006 Road Works and Utilities (20 Street - Street Improvement Plan Tenders)
2. Memorial Park and Centennial Trail Tenders
3. Energy Audit
4. Engineering issues: (Infrastructure Study; Lagoon Sewage and Storm Water Management)
5. Waste Management and Recycling

•Borrowing Bylaw 05-14 was amended to purchase a chiller and monitoring system for the arena. The original proposal did not include a monitoring system and it was felt that it was important to include the monitoring system to help improve

upon energy consumption.

•The contract with Alberta Animal Services of Red Deer expired May 2001. Although the Town has a contract with Krebs and Company Veterinary Services, this additional service contract would ensure that the Town always has animal services available.

•Council approved matching a donation for half the cost (\$158.82) for a roll out carpet purchased by the Didsbury Minor Hockey Association for its Provincial Tournament in March to be available for all groups.

•Mountain View Regional Water Services Commission informed the Town that the water rates would increase from .70 cents/cubic meter to .75 cents/cubic meter effective April 1, 2006, as an annual stage toward reflecting longer term costs.

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EDITORIAL & OPINION

Standing up for what is right



This past Friday Didsbury taught a valuable lesson to other communities, and that lesson was 'you should never have to live in fear!'

When residents found out that a murderer was going to be let out of jail and into our town, on an unsupervised visit for 12 hours on Sat, they took action.

Flyers were quick to go around town; as this news was announced so last minute, it was unable to make the local paper. Yet RCMP warned that this man "poses a significant risk of harm to the community" and that they believed there was a "significant risk to the health or safety of the public".

It must also be made clear though that it is not the RCMP who is able to grant such a visit, but the National Parole Board. How such a decision could ever be made, especially considering the past of the convicted, and the fact he is in jail for murdering an 18-year-old male, on a similar unsupervised visit, years ago while serving time for another crime, is far beyond me! Someone's life was taken, and we are supposed to be concerned about this guy getting fair treatment. Was it fair his victim's life was cut short at the young age of 18? I don't think so!

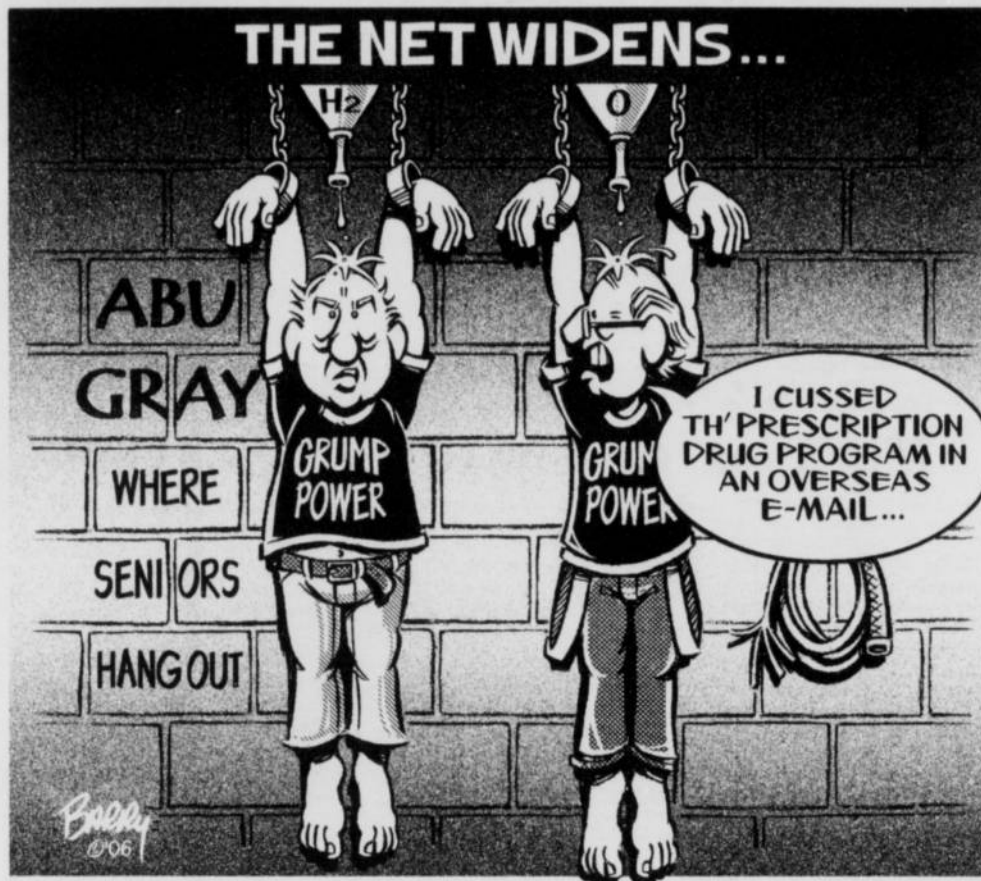
As some passed out the flyers, others were busy on the phones calling the RCMP, MP Myron Thompsen, and MLA Richard Marz, to express their concerns and fears for the town.

Others were busy making plans to either leave town for Sat. or to lock themselves into their homes.

Good news came though, just after 4 p.m. when it was announced the visit has been revoked by the Parole Board, and residents would not have to lock themselves up, but could once again find comfort in this small, safe community we call home.

Hopefully other communities will follow our example if ever in a similar situation; take action!

T.C.



PONDERINGS OF THE HEART

How big do you dream?

BY MARGARET FRADLEY

Many of my readers ask for more stories of my grandchildren, so here is another delightful little episode I think you might enjoy.

We were with our two grandchildren at the lake, sitting near the dock just watching boats going out and returning, our young ones love that. After watching for a time, a very large boat came along. It was a three storey boat, and could accommodate any number of people with adequate room for sleeping. Our grandson, six, was in awe of such a big boat, and remarked "it would be nice to have such a boat", to which our granddaughter, now 4, responded without a moment's hesitation, "I think it would be nice even to own

a canoe." This gave us a good laugh. How big do we dream?

On another occasion, my husband asked each of our little grandchildren to do a chore for him; the little boy was given a chore of bringing some wood for the outdoor firepit; the little girl was to sweep off the deck. Each performed their little task willingly and did a very good job. Then our four year old came to me and said "You know Mamma, Papa gave us a chore to do for him, but I want you to know that if you have a chore for me to do, I will do it for you too." How tender!! We each have our grandchildren stories and we need to cherish them, they often have humour and wisdom far beyond their years. How blessed we are. They bring so much joy and refreshment to our spirits.

YOUR LETTERS

Crossing the floor is justified for some

So the Liberals are giving it their best go in attempting to vilify and burn in effigy Emerson and Harper.

They have forgotten that when Belinda Stronach switched allegiance a short time ago, with far-reaching results, she was immediately enshrined in glorification. A recent cartoon had her portraying Emerson as a "dipstick."

Heck at that time the Liberals were so defensive of such a policy they failed to support a private member's bill that would have triggered a by-election if an MP switched parties. Interestingly, the

bill was defeated (Edmonton Journal, Feb. 9).

At least Emerson has a justifiable explanation for his actions. His constituents would be better off having a cabinet minister as their MP rather than an opposition backbencher.

By defecting, he is in a better position to continue his work in advancing key B.C. issues that are now part of his portfolio - the Canada/US softwood lumber trade dispute, the 2010 Olympics, and the Pacific Gateway strategy to boost trade with Asia.

As pointed out in the Edmonton Journal (Feb. 9,

G. Thomson, Feb. 9): "Any student of Canadian history and politics realizes that prime ministers have appointed senators to cabinet portfolios in the past to balance out regional representation. Alberta's own Bud Olson, for example, was a senator who sat as minister of economic development in the Liberal Trudeau government from 1980 to 1984. And Emerson is not the first MP to cross the floor and he won't be the last."

Audrey Jensen
Red Deer

Keeping Didsbury clean

Dear Editor;

Since when are we too busy in this town to pick up after ourselves? Have you seen all the garbage that is about?

Sincerely
Graham Sherick

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Town prepares to do full review of all committees

BY TAMARA COLLINS
Didsbury Review

The cost effectiveness and mandates of town committees will be getting a full review in the coming months in an effort to optimize the use of all resources including volunteers.

Administration approached town council saying it was more important to get the administrative side of the organization running more effectively and efficiently before they deal with the legislative component of the town of Didsbury.

Town council agreed and passed a motion Tuesday night for administration to prepare a report for council and make the necessary recommendations.

"Number one, we want to limit the number of human resources and volunteers because their time is valuable," said town CAO Roy Brown.

"We want to make sure we are maximizing the use of all the volunteers. Committees cost money and we want to make sure they are running efficiently and effectively, and meeting their mandates."

Some of the other questions that will be answered by the review are: is it relevant? Are the committees' costs priority in light of the other organizational needs? Is there an effective reporting system in place between council and the committee? Does each committee know what council's priorities are? Does each council member know the

purpose of each committee and the work that they do? Is there a mechanism in place to evaluate committee effectiveness?

"We want to know if there is a better way of operating. If the committees need the town involvement, or would they operate better without? Also is it important to have a councillor on the committee, because a councillor's time can only be stretched so far," said Brown.

According to Brown, the review will most likely mean meeting with each committee individually.

The management team hopes to have the review done by summer, and at that point they will bring their recommendations to council.

Municipal census to be conducted

BY TAMARA COLLINS
Didsbury Review

Town officials will conduct a census this spring to obtain a more accurate population figure for Didsbury.

The count will help the town receive more provincial and federal grant dollars due to the population increase the town is expecting.

The town has been using 2001 figures for grant applications.

In 2005, town council discussed conducting a census but rejected the idea because a federal census is scheduled for 2006.

The matter came back to the council table Tuesday night and in light of new information council decided to conduct a 2006 census.

When deciding whether or not to do a census, it is really a dollar and cent decision, said Didsbury CAO Roy Brown.

"It costs \$6,000 to have a census so we have to make sure that as the population increases, it will increase by enough to recoup that money," said Brown.

Since 2001, when the last census was done, Didsbury has had 204 home starts, and 2.2 people per house that would translate into an increase of approximately 450 people.

"Based on the building starts I think the population growth will be significant enough to recoup the cost of the census and get more grants in the future which will help the bottom

line of the town," said Brown.

Money given from both federal and provincial grants is usually based on per capita, so the larger the Didsbury population, the more grant funding the town could see.

Local residents will be hired to go door to door over several weeks and

ask how many people reside in each household.

Prior to that Alan Gibson will be attending a training session in Edmonton, on conducting a municipal census.

The last municipal census in Didsbury was done in 2000.

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Neighbourhood Place

Five major projects on the go

Didsbury's new Public Works manager reports to town council and discusses concerns over the Didsbury Recycling Center

BY TAMARA COLLINS

Didsbury Review

The town's Public Works employees are busy with five major projects including roadwork, Memorial Park and the Centennial Trail.

Dale Kiesman, the town's new Public Works manager, presented town council with a report last week on each of the major projects his crew has been focusing on.

The projects include 2006 roadwork and utilities, Memorial Park and Centennial Trail, an energy audit, engineering including an infrastructure study, the lagoon and sewer treatment, and storm water management.

The fifth project was water management and recycling.

"Management has reviewed the 2005 contract documents for tender submission mid February 2006 with a closing date of early March 2006. The final draft is now available for review," said Kiesman, referring to Memorial Park and 20th St.

"Three diamonds will be developed in the park meeting current city of Calgary specifications with considerations for storm water management, parking, and the Centennial Trail," said Kiesman.

The trail is to be constructed along 16 St. on the west perimeter of the park and will control storm water from entering the park, as has been a problem in the past, he said.

Kiesman also added that the ongoing ditching on the west side of 16 St. will contain and direct storm water to the north.

One of the biggest focuses for Kiesman and the town crew is an energy load and consumption audit they are working on to explore potential energy and cost savings through monitoring and control.

Kiesman worked in Churchill, Manitoba for three years where he said they were very cost effective with energy and utilities.

Kiesman is bringing that knowledge to Didsbury.

"I am assisting administration with other facility



photo by Tamara Collins/Didsbury Review

Dale Kiesman, town Public Works manager, stands in the Didsbury Recycling Center, where town employees spend approximately 10 hours per week cleaning up after residents who are leaving behind items that do not belong.

managers in trying to reduce costs," said Kiesman.

"Effective monitoring and control of energy could save 20 to 30 per cent in electrical costs. There are substantial savings to be had."

The facility managers are working with the system TRACKFLOW to help them analyze the possible savings.

They already see huge financial savings potential, according to Kiesman, who expects to have an accurate analysis available for presentation by early March.

The Public Works engineering projects include an infrastructure study.

Kiesman says the town's infrastructure is aging, requires a lot of work, and will continue to require work with the town's grow-

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DALE KIESMAN
Public Works manager

ing population.

As far as the lagoon and sewage treatment, Kiesman said before any determination is made as to what if any repairs are to be made at the upper lagoon, they must first assess actual sewage production with consideration of long-term planning and future growth.

As part of their storm water management project, Public Works has iden-

tified many areas throughout town as problem areas.

Kiesman said in conjunction with an engineering firm, they have prioritized areas that require immediate attention and will be scheduled as weather permits.

Given requirements for commercial, industrial residential, storm water management and development, the town must identify areas to further plan for

storm water storage, said Kiesman.

"Run-off must be contained as per Alberta Environment regulations. Pond development in industrial and residential areas is now being considered along with potential development in the Rosebud Creek area," he said.

Kiesman brought up concerns about the recycling area in town which he says Public Works staff commit about 10 hours a week cleaning and maintaining.

"Loose garbages, appliances, furniture, recyclables, tires, batteries, oil, styrofoam and cardboard dropped off in the recycling area instead in the appropriate bins are some of the items staff have to contend with," said Kiesman.

"Public Works endeav-

ours to keep the area clean, however users need to be much more considerate when depositing recyclables in the area."

Kiesman feels the solution to the problem will come with community information and education.

In an effort to keep mayor and council in the loop, Kiesman will be making regular reports to the town and when requested, to town council.

"We have a relatively new group of management in town, all coming in with refreshing ideas," said Kiesman.

"I think this is a benefit to the organization and the town."

Having 15 years of work in the public service sector, Kiesman is excited to be here and to share his ideas on assisting the town with its growth.



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Taylor benefit nearly sold out

Community stands behind family to help save their vision

BY SHAWNE MOHL
For the Didsbury Review

Nearly 300 people gathered at the Carstairs Community Hall this past weekend to help raise money for the Taylor family to assist with their huge medical bills.

Judy Taylor and her two sons, Lowell, 24 and Landon, 29 all have a hereditary disease called Retinitis Pigmentosa which is referred to as RP.

Judy's father, Ola, also has RP and he has lost his vision completely.

Despite there being no hope for Ola to ever see again, there is hope for his daughter and his two grandsons.

However, it comes at a very huge cost. A cost which 300 people from various communities came out to support Saturday evening in Carstairs.

After extensive research Judy and her husband, Brian tracked down a doctor in Vancouver, British Columbia who is able to reverse RP, allowing the three to keep their vision and also improve it.

RP is the name given to a group of degenerative diseases of the retina.

The retina, at the back of the eye, is a thin sheet of interconnected nerve cells including the light sensitive cones and dark sensitive rods.

It is here that light is converted into electrical signals, then sent to the brain where "seeing" takes place.

In RP the rod and cone cells deteriorate, and depending on the severity and the type of RP, the rate of progression varies.

According to Judy, they found out that a world renowned doctor had moved from China to Vancouver, and was able to assist her family with RP.

The Vancouver-based doctor used acupuncture and laser stimulation to increase electrical and blood flow to the dying retina.

Nutrients would be supplied to allow the eye to heal the pigmentation damage which robs vision.

The three, Judy says, have finished their first year of treatments and are all seeing sight improvements, rather than constant loss.

The biggest problem with this is the fact that it costs nearly \$6,000 per person for treatment.

They need to travel to Vancouver once every three months.

None of these costs, including the additional expense of hotels and food, are covered by health care since Dr. Yu is still trying to prove his new medical treatment.

When Linda Sirt of Didsbury heard of the Taylors' story last year she got busy and organized a concert benefit in Didsbury, where \$38,000 was raised.

The money went towards assisting the Taylors pay for their treatments.

"They still need more treatments and the money we raised last year is all done. We decided we would try something else," Sirt said.

Organizers sold tickets for a delicious beef and turkey dinner, as well as held a silent auction.

The auction items were donated from various businesses and individuals throughout Mountain View County.

A total of 288 tickets were sold for Saturday's benefit.

With the number of events going on in and around the community this past weekend, Sirt was extremely happy with the number of people which came out to show their support.

"I am very pleased with how many people came out," Sirt said, adding that the hall only holds 300 people.

The Taylors are very respected people in the community and have given a lot to the community, said Sirt.

She says that the Taylors have always helped out when someone needed a helping hand so the community is stepping up and giving back in their time of need.

"They have always been very caring and giving people," Sirt said.

Judy Taylor was practically speechless Saturday evening when asked how she feels of the community's support.

"What an amazing community we have," she said. "It's hard to have words to describe how I feel. Our community has just done an amazing amount of things for us and we are just blessed and are so overwhelmed."

It isn't known how many more eye treatments will be needed, but it's for certain that it's still going to cost the Taylor family thousands upon thousands of dollars.

"It (the financial costs of treatment) is a lot for any one family to handle," Judy



Shawne Mohl/Didsbury Review

TAYLOR BENEFIT - Judy Taylor and one of her sons, Lowell, posed for a picture during the benefit. Both Judy and Lowell left for Vancouver for another set of eye surgeries on Sunday. Each surgery, which they require every three months, is \$6,000 per person.

added.

Donations are still being accepted at any ATB Financial branch. Donations can be made to the Taylor Eye Fund.

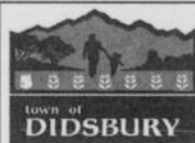
The day after Saturday's benefit, Judy and Lowell boarded a plane for Vancouver where they were set to go through another set of eye treatments at a cost of

\$12,000 for both.

Both will have to return once again in three month's time.

The total amount raised at the benefit wasn't known as of press time. However, Sirt's goal was to raise \$48,000.

~ With files from Tamara Collins



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BIRD'S EYE VIEW, DIDSBURY, ALTA.

On This Day...In 1915

I really like this picture of Didsbury. If you look closely you'll see the school on the left hand side toward the top of the picture. The building with the big smoke stack on the right is the power building. Electricity came to Didsbury in 1911 and Olds in 1917.



TIMELY DONATION TO MUSEUM - The Didsbury & District Historical Society is pleased to announce it has recently received \$1,000.00 from the Shell Canada Community Service Fund. The funds have been awarded to recognize and support Joyce Gerbrandt, a Shell Canada retiree. Joyce Gerbrandt regularly volunteers with the Didsbury & District Historical Society as an Archivist. The funds will be used to purchase a new computer to facilitate an inventory of all artifacts in the Museum," said Tyrone Patten, president.



TRUTH TEST - Mikaela Munn shakes a jar filled with ice cubes, cold water, Tide laundry detergent and a mustard-stained cloth sample to determine the level of truth behind the "Tide Test" commercial. Munn said she wanted to see if the commercial was true. Munn's test results showed that although the detergent did a good job at removing lipstick stains, mustard was another story. "I guess it's true depending on the stain," she said.

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A skijoring team can travel surprisingly long distances, depending on the type of dog and the skier's ability. A single dog can pull a competent skier for up to 30 miles a day. Most dogs have a natural instinct to pull, so the family pet is almost as likely to take the sport as is a racing sled dog. All sorts of breeds - from Labrador retrievers to poodles to Irish wolfhounds - have pulled skiers. Skijoring dogs can weigh anywhere from 30 pounds to more than 100 pounds. The primary requirement for successful skijoring, just as it is for obedience and field work, is a close relationship between dog and owner.

Skijoring is easy to learn. Some cross-country skiing is necessary, but you needn't be an expert skier to enjoy the sport. Nor does your dog have to be in top condition, as long as you operate within the dog's limits and abilities. Skijoring helps skiers to develop balance and is wonderful, fun exercise for the dog.

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Dear Family and Friends,

I am currently in California for three weeks visiting family. My visa for Canada expired so I came here for awhile. My sister and her husband live just outside of Camp Pendleton so we hear interesting things day and night. The other night we heard lots of explosions and during the days there are often a lot of helicopters overhead. The base is actually close enough to walk to and since my brother-in-law is a retired marine he can use base facilities.

The other day we went over to one of the gyms and I spent time on a couple of machines; wish I could do it everyday. His schedule is so busy that he can't take me, and I can't go without him.

Though the weather in Canada has been wonderful this year, we still needed a jacket when we went out, but here is just beautiful. Sunny skies and warm weather... it is warm enough to go out in short sleeves. Today was in the 80s (F). I have enjoyed walking around the town and visiting the thrift shops. You never know what you will find and it gives me a destination for my walks.

This morning we walked over to the park. There are some great walking paths there so I will head that way again.

We have finally heard something regarding our visa - not exactly what we wanted to hear but not bad. The board of InterCEDE decided not to join the alliance of organizations. That means that we will have to go through getting the letter of invitation. There is also a new paper which had to be signed by someone inviting us to stay at their house when we arrive.

That has been cared for by another SHARE staff member. Everything should be submitted to the immigration office in Budapest this week. It can take up to a month to get approved.

Provided there are no additional papers needed or other glitches, the letter of invitation will be sent to the Hungarian embassies in Canada and the U.S. and we can then submit our application papers. It usually takes about 3 weeks after that to get it entered into the passports. It will mean that we can't go before the end of March. I don't know what God has for us in this delay but we will trust Him and His timing. Though we would rather go sooner than that, at least we have a target date.

I have been helping at one library and just before I came to California was asked to help set up some archives. The delay will give me a chance to finish the one and get a good start on the other.

My family got together for Super Bowl Sunday - any excuse for a family gathering. It was fun to be here for it. We had Taco Soup and other Mexican-style food, and, of course, ate too much. After the game we decided to play word games for half an hour before everyone started home. An hour and a half later we were still at it. I have not laughed that much for a long time. My niece's husband was quite the actor when trying to get his team to guess

the right word. By the time we got everything cleaned up it was time for bed.

Just found out today that my sister Barbara will have to have knee surgery for a torn meniscus. She has been limping along now for about 2 months thinking it was something else. The doctor told her it was a Baker's cyst and that it would heal. He was partially right because there were two things wrong. Since she drives a school bus, she is hoping to wait until Spring break for the surgery but it is quite painful and makes walking difficult so she might not be able to wait.

When I was here last August Barb stepped in a hole, fell and broke her toe. With this second injury or at least the doctor telling her she needs surgery happening while I am here, she is claiming that I am a jinx (all in good fun).

My nephew was diagnosed with schizophrenia last August. They have been working on getting his medication figured out since then. They have tried various doses of a couple of medicines trying to find the best amount so he doesn't have the "traffic" in his head (hear voices, have unrealistic thoughts, etc.) and so that he isn't so drugged that he sleeps all the time. It has been both encouraging and sad to see him: encouraging because he is doing so much better than he was in August, and sad because he is so different from how he was before he got sick. Not only has it affected him emotionally and mentally but it also affects him physically. He is less coordinated and even the way he walks is awkward. Today is a red letter day for him though because he got a job and starts tomorrow. He will be doing custodial work at a machine shop, not glamorous but something he can handle and something that will help him to feel better about himself.

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DR. DOBSON
Focus on the family

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My son is just over a year old. I quit my job when he was born, believing it was the right thing to do, but lately our finances have been so tight that I'm seriously considering going back to work. What are your feelings about putting a child of this age in day care?

DR. DOBSON:

Let me begin by saying that I understand the struggle you're facing. When our firstborn was 2 years old, I was finishing my doctoral work at the University of Southern California. Every available dollar was needed to support my tuition and related expenses. Although we didn't want Shirley to work when Danae was young, we felt we had no alternative. Shirley taught school, and our little girl was taken to a day-care center each morning. One day when we arrived at the facility, Danae began to cry uncontrollably. "No! No! No, Daddy!" she said to me. She had a look of terror in her eyes, and I suspected that she had been very upset the last time she was there. I could only imagine what had happened. I turned and walked back to the car carrying my precious daughter. When we were alone, I said, "Danae, I promise that you will never have to stay there again." And she never did. I share this to underscore the point that though I'm sympathetic with your financial anxieties, I'd still advise you to avoid the day-care option if at all possible. My opinion on this subject is based on hard data. The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development has conducted the most comprehensive study of this issue to date. More than 1,100 mothers and children and 10 premier child-care sites across the United States were evaluated when the children were 6, 15, 24 and 36 months of age. Preliminary findings confirm that leaving a very young child in a day-care facility is associated with less sensitive mothering and child engagement. The child also tends to react less positively to the mother. In other words, the bond between mother and child is affected somewhat negatively by early day-care experience, especially if the mother tends by nature to be insensitive.

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Town council highlights

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•Administration was directed to prepare a report for Council regarding the mandates, costs and effectiveness of all committees which report to Council. This will help the Administration and Council optimize the use of all of its resources including volunteers.

•Council approved conducting a Municipal Census in the spring of 2006.

•Council asked that members of Council and staff provide a written report after attending a conference, workshop or seminar. Council directed Administration to bring back to Council a policy outlining this request.

•Council authorized administration to pay the yearly memberships to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association.

•The current contract for Safety Codes Services in Plumbing, Gas and Electrical disciplines expires February 26, 2006. A Request for Proposal to nine agencies in Alberta was sent out. Council awarded the contract to LID Inspections Ltd.

•With the passing of the Cat Bylaw 05-10, a Cat Trap Borrowing and Payment Procedure Policy was presented and accepted by Council. This policy will address renting of the cat traps and payment when animals are impounded by Krebs and Company for the Town of Didsbury.

•Correspondence from Alberta Municipal Health and Safety was shared with Council. The Town of Didsbury was congratulated on passing its internal safety audit. Administration commended Brian Wasko, Manager of Facilities on overseeing the Town's safety needs. Council also directed Administration to bring back to Council a proposal for a more in-depth safety policy.

•Due to time restrictions, Council rarely has enough time for informal discussion. Administration proposed that Council meet at 6:30 pm to have information discussion and if time allows, Committee of the Whole in camera items. The Regular Council Meeting will continue to begin at 7:00 p.m.

•The Mountain View Regional Emergency Services Commission proposed a letter addressed to the Minister of Health and Wellness regarding Ground Ambulance Funding. Council approved this letter asking for equitable provincial ambulance funding for all municipalities.

•Council approved the \$2,500 in 2005 FCSS funding be allocated to the Seniors Support Services to purchase a printer/copier and for their Intergenerational Program.

•Council approved

\$18,800 be moved from the FCSS reserve into the 2006 FCSS budget to be used towards 2006 FCSS community grants.

•Council approved the transfer of \$7,870.05 in FCSS Deferred Revenue to the 2006 Community Grants.

•Council approved the recommendations from the FCSS Advisory Board for 2006 Community Grants. \$79,572.25 was requested; \$61,199.77 was recommended and approved.

\$20,000 remains to be granted throughout 2006.

•Council approved the request of Mountain View County to install a directional sign at the corner of 23rd Street and 15th Avenue. This sign will be installed at the County's expense. It will be located as to not negatively affect adjacent landowners.

•The Kidney Foundation of Canada corresponded that its annual fundraising drive will be taking place on March 16, 2006.

4-H demos, lessons and communication projects

BY BRAYDEN OSTERMANN
Silver Sage 4-H Club

It has been a while since our last update. Everybody had a blast at the Pepsi Thunder run Jan. 6th, 2006 when we had our Christmas party. On Jan. 8th we held a club ride and meeting. Our member Brayden, Conrad and Allison all completed their communication projects which were very entertaining. Since then, we have had a pretty relaxing month. We had a Sorting Clinic on Jan. 21st, 2006 at Jackson's Arena. It was pretty cold for the first part of the morning but thanks to Rheanna and Elaine Welland of Western Sky.

Rheanna brought feet and hand warmers to keep everyone nice and hot. The afternoon was a lot of fun and everyone enjoyed it. Taylor Laut held a cutting demo for the members which was pretty cool. Our last meeting and ride was Feb. 5th, 2006. Some of our members completed their communication projects at that ride as well. We enjoyed a lunging demonstration by Amber Unger, a horse stretching lesson hosted by Brelyn Durstling and a humorous story by Deena Durstling. We did everything early in the day so that everyone could get home and watch the big game. That's all for now. Our next ride will be Feb. 18 at Jackson's Arena.



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Around Town

BY MARGE ST. CLAIR
Around the Circle

It's fun and it's free. Join the group for Adult Hall Walking at Westglen School evenings from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. It's indoors, it's warm, you walk at your own pace. Please phone Cindy 335-9437 to register.

Thurs. Feb. 16

Lacrosse: is it for all young people? Registration for the season will be held in the MP Room at the Complex from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. A new player clinic for ages 4 years to 16 years will be held in the MP Room on Thurs. 23. There will be a display of equipment and they will do some practice shooting. Brenda at 335-3292 has more info.

Sat. Feb. 18

There will be a Family Dance at the Lone Pine Hall. Supper is being served from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and dancing from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Lorelei Loewen at 335-4035 has tickets & more details.

Sat. Feb. 18

Mountain View Colts have a double header this weekend at the Didsbury Arena. At 8:00 p.m. Sat. the team from Ponoka will be the opposition and Sun. Feb. 19 the team from Red Deer will be on the ice at 3:00 p.m. Your support will be duly appreciated.

Sun. Feb. 19

The Elks Hall opens at 1:00 p.m. for darts players. If you don't know how to play the game, someone will gladly teach you.

Sun. Feb. 19

Everyone is welcome to the Didsbury Memorial Complex Arena to enjoy a "Salute to the Olympics", a presentation of the Didsbury Figure Skating Club. It will be held from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Mon. Feb. 20

All members of the 5-0 Club are asked to please attend the Annual meeting of the 5-0 Club at 1:30 p.m. An invitation is extended to new residents of the town and district (50+ years) to come and learn all about the activities of the 5-0 Clubs.

Kerri at 335-8040 can give you all the info regarding the Toy Library where you can borrow toys for two weeks. Also the Mom's Time Out (& Dad's too) is held every Mon. morning from 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Knox United Church. Please call 335-4270 for details.

Thurs. Feb. 23

All seniors of the town and districts are invited to Eldon

Footie Hall at 1:00 p.m. for an afternoon of various activities. Refreshments are served.

Fri. Feb. 24

Cribbage play starts at 7:00 p.m. at the 5-0 Centre. Bring your partner & play, then enjoy the coffee & goodies and visiting that follows.

Sat. Feb. 24

The Didsbury Stamp Club will meet at the Library at 1:00 p.m. Anyone interested in stamp collecting, or if you have stamps to trade, is most welcome to attend.

Sat. Feb. 24

The Didsbury Elks are having a fun Casino in the MP Room at the Complex. Guests will be issued fun money with their admission; at the end of the Casino Session, the Fun money will be used to purchase items donated at Auction. Lunch will be provided. Adults over 18 years only. Advance tickets can be purchased at Gallery of Floors, Kuelker's Supplies or Ward Value Drug Mart, or at the door. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

Community bus trips

Didsbury and district

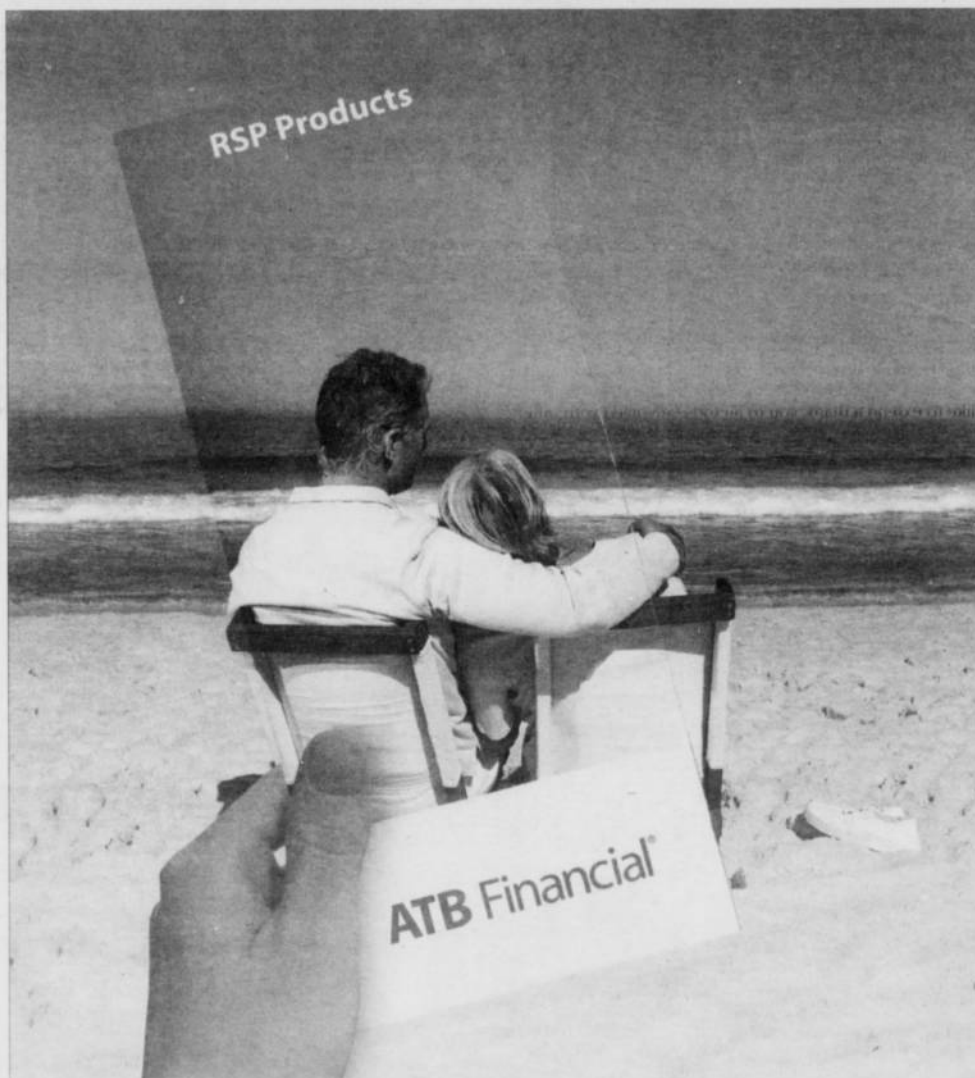
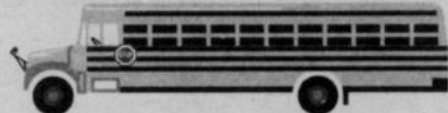
Wed. February 22

We're going to the Deerfoot In Casino - bus leaves Complex at 3:00 p.m.

Sat. March 4

Enjoy laughter, music and Comedy as you join us at the Bert Church theatre in Airdrie for 'Stratus'. Bus leaves Complex at 6:15 p.m. Money must be in by Feb. 24

To reserve your seat for these trips, phone Bea 335-3058 or Gen 335-3449. Don't be late in phoning as they will sell out fast.



FAMILY DANCE

At the Lone Pine Hall on
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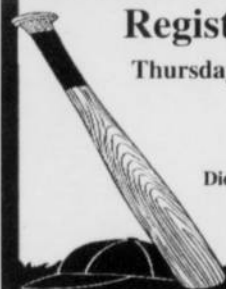
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Didsbury Minor Hockey

Rambler Minute

The Atoms, age 9 and 10, finished their league play this weekend in third place. League playoffs will begin February 18, with the team travelling to Okotoks to play the second place team in the division.

The Atom Team is comprised of 15 players, 10 of whom are returning players and 5 new DMHA players who arrived to the game with weak ankles and a keen desire to play. A mixed group of skill and ability gives the coaches something to look forward to as each game seems to highlight different levels of desire in each player to engage and play hockey.

The coaches have been working with returning players to improve their skills, while developing skills in the new players. Under the coaching direction of Chris Overwater, Dan Northcott, Bruce Robertson, and Braden Overwater, the team has been working hard on their skating, on learning how to play more aggressively in front of the net, how to win faceoffs, and how to move the puck out of the zone. Huge gains have been seen in all these players as they have all improved their skating and skills and become regular contributors to each game.

Centremen Jay, Colin, and Slater set many of the plays, while defensemen Zac, Tony, Timothy, Jace, and Carly can be counted on to keep the puck moving forward. Wingers Ryan, Austin, Sawyer, Tylor, Irwin, and Kelly work hard along the boards, while goalie Dylan keeps them in every game, giving the team a chance to work hard and capitalize on opportunities.

To date the Atoms have played 33 games, with 16 wins, 14 losses, and 3 ties. Mrs. Ransom, Manager, can be counted on to keep the schedule full, and to make sure that the weekly Rambler Minute is in the paper for the team to follow.

The Atoms are a team that love playing hockey and who get along well with each other. They confirm how much fun it is for players and family to be part of Minor Hockey, and they prove that teamwork and friendship are two fundamentals surrounding the program. The Atom Players would like to extend a thank you to all those involved with Minor Hockey, including their coaches, team members, and Mom and Dad. Being on the ice is the greatest place to be!



Slap Shot View

Didsbury hockey happenings

The DMHA has been busy organizing the local Provincial Bantam Tournament, which will be held at the Didsbury Arena, March 17-19, 2006.

Tyke 2: played two early morning games this weekend. In Trochu they lost 9-5, Trochu was undefeated and unfortunately remained that way. Our kids did well, but they proved that they need a little more sleep to be at their best.

Sunday they were in Cremona, and won that game 19-2. The kids were happy to be playing at full strength again. The team has one more exhibition game against Chestermere next weekend.

Novice: The Novice attended a 3 game tournament in Alix, where they proved to be much stronger than the other teams entered. The Novice team won all their games.

Atoms: The Atoms were defeated by Sundre in their second provincial play-down game, ending their attempt to enter provincials. The team played two league games this weekend to complete league play. On Saturday, they defeated Morrin 8-3. Sunday's home ice saw a closely battled match between Cochrane and Didsbury with Didsbury holding a 1 point lead through most of the third period. With only 4 seconds left in the game, Cochrane was able to score, tying the game 3-3.

Pee Wees: lost 7-6 against Red Deer in exhibition game. Unfortunately, the team did not make playoffs. The remainder of the season will be exhibition games or maybe a tournament.

Bantams: tied in High River 6-6. This was a league game, and with this tie, it guaranteed the team second spot in the league. At this time, it is undetermined who the Bantams will be playing in the first round of playoffs but the team is ready.

Midgets: The Midget team did not play at all this weekend. They did make playoffs and will come up against Cochrane in the first round.

Sports



SLIPPERY SLOPE - Grizzlys defensive player Curtis deBruyn takes a hit from behind by an Okotoks Oiler during disappointing home action last week. Olds remains in second place in the South Division despite two more losses last week to Grande Prairie (6-0) on Friday and Spruce Grove (5-4) on Sunday.

Carla Victor/Didsbury Review

Bonspiel ladies rock on

2006 Ladies Bonspiel

BY TRISH & MARGE
Curling News

The Ladies bonspiel held in Didsbury over the weekend of Feb. 3 - 5 was a great success.

The Bonspiel went very well and I'm sure everyone had a lot of fun.

A huge thank you is going to the B & K Grill for a spectacular banquet meal, which they prepared and served. It was absolutely fabulous. Many, many door prizes were drawn for. 14 were sponsored by businesses within town, many others were donated by members of the Ladies Club, a big thank you to all.

And the curling results were:

A Event

1. Penny Clazie, Brenda Scott, Donna Fife & Loretta McGregor - Didsbury
2. Debbie Gordon - Crossfield

B Event

1. The Wishusen Team - Chantel,



Chrystal, Jennifer & Shelley - Didsbury
2. Janet Bremmault - Calgary

C Event

1. Ella Bishop, Chris Fox, Dawn Backs & Cindy Holt - Carstairs
2. Lorraine Weigum - Didsbury

New this year was the Hot Shots Event. Each member of a team participated in

- (1) draw through the port to the button
 - (2) raise a rock to the button
 - (3) hit a rock in the house & stay.
- Points were calculated on the rock position in the rings.

Darlene Bauer's team from Torrington won the most points and they were awarded the 2006 Didsbury Hot Shot Winners Prizes at the banquet.

The girls who hosted the entertainment did a great job, it was a lot of fun and lots of good laughs. Congratulations and thanks to all who participated.

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Special Families Resource Association

Support for families/caregivers of special needs children. Meetings now held on the 3rd Thurs. of every month in the Didsbury Hospital in the Educational Conference Room at 7 p.m. For more information contact Cindy at 335-4123.

Chamber of Commerce

Meets the 2nd Thursday each month. For more info please call 335-3265.

Didsbury TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Rosemary 335-2835.

Didsbury Environment Board

Meets once every month at the Town Office. For info call the Town Office 335-3391.

Beaver's

Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

Didsbury Museum

Hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs., 12:30 - 4:30 p.m., Saturday: 1 - 5 p.m., special occasions & anytime by appointment. Please call Joan Court at 335-8392 or Larry Hunsperger at 335-3284.

Toy Library

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Time Out

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Knox United Church, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. We have started up again for the fall. Call 335-4270.

King Hiram Lodge #21

Has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S.

Has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. Call Marg Steckler at 335-4281.

Didsbury Senior Support Services

Co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

Sons Of Norway

Meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

Learning Disabilities

Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

Didsbury Preschool

Is now accepting registrations for 2005-2006 school year. This non-profit organization offers educational and social programming for children 3 to 5 years old. For information or to register your child, please call: Cherrie 335-8818 or 335-8039.

Gamblers Anonymous

Starting Monday, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4.

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Mountain View La Leche League

A group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday mornings of each month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone 556-3807 for information.

Didsbury Mental Health Clinic

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Alcoholics Anonymous

Meetings Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Colleen at 335-8484 or Rick at 335-9525.

Didsbury Five-0 Singers

50 years of age or over? You are invited to join Tuesday evenings 7:00 p.m. at the Didsbury 5-0 Club 2500-15 Ave.

Ag Info Centre

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Darts

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Canadian Weight awareness - CHAMPS Cub Inc.

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5-0 Club Hall Rentals

For Hall rentals &/or info regarding the hall please call Bea Niedersteiner 335-3058.

Hall Rental

To Rent Mountain View Community Hall for meetings, community events, family or group reunions call John 335-8860.

Blitz For Blankets

We are collecting gently used blankets for the homeless? Mustard Seed. You can drop them off at Didsbury Market Place.

Hall Rental

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Mountain View Sheep Producers

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Adoption Support Group

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A Funeral Service was held at the Carstairs Bancroft United Church on Saturday, February 11, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. with Reverend Sung-Chul Choi officiating. Interment followed at the Carstairs Cemetery. Memorial donations in Beryl's honor may be made to the charity of one's choice. Condolences to the family may be forwarded from www.mountainviewfuneralchapels.com. Arrangements entrusted to MOUNTAIN VIEW FUNERAL CHAPELS, Didsbury.

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New Home

\$165,900

Brand new home not finished yet
Ready spring/summer 2006
6 Valarosa Dr Didsbury



New Home

\$172,900

Brand new home not finished yet
2 bed 2 bath vaulted ceilings
50 Valarosa Dr Didsbury



Heritage Home

\$178,500

2700 sq ft two-storey large lot Zoned
RC, Good location - lots of potential
1919 14 St Didsbury



New Home

\$189,900

1225 sq ft 3 bed 2 bath deck
New subdivision walkout bsmt
1170 Kildeer Close Didsbury



Energy Efficient

\$199,900

Designed for healthy living
R40 insulation walls, 3 bed
1166 Kildeer Close Didsbury



New Build

\$209,900

Brand new home not finished yet
Backing onto Rosebud Creek
27 Valarosa Drive Didsbury



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3 bed 3 bath finished basement
2510 15 Ave Didsbury



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Brand new home in culdesac
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104 Westridge Pl Didsbury



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1813 14 St Didsbury



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backing onto creek, open floor plan
19 Valarosa Dr Didsbury



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2004 Beautiful 1345 sq ft home
close to schools, vaulted ceilings
42 Meadowview Court Didsbury



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\$277,500

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18 Westpoint Dr Didsbury



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